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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN SHADOW FONMIN PEACOCK VISIT TO INDONESIA

1. SUMMARY: DURING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FONMIN MALIK, PEACOCK GAVE ASSURANCES THAT LIBERAL-CONTROLLED GOA WOULD CONTINUE PRESENT AUSTRALIAN POLICY TOWARDS INDONESIA, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. IN TURN PEACOCK WAS ASSURED INDONESIA PLANNING NO FORCIBLE TAKEOVER OF TIMOR. MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSIONS WAS INDOCHINA, WITH MALIK TAKING UNCONCERNED STANCE WHILE SUHARTO AND MILITARY EXPRESSED CONCERN AND HINTED MORE MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEEDED. END SUMMARY

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FOLLOWING BASED ON BRIEFING, SUPPLEMENTED BY AMBASSADOR'S

CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT AND PEACOCK. PEACOCK MET FOR OVER ONE HOUR WITH SUHARTO, AND HELD TALKS WITH MALIK, DEPUTY ARMED FORCES CINC SURAONO (DEFMIN PANGGABEAN WAS SICK) AND OTHER SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS. SUBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE INCLUDED: A) AUSTRALIAN POLICY TOWARDS INDONESIA: PEACOCK MADE CLEAR TO GOI LEADERSHIP THAT POLICY OF LIBERAL GOA TOWARDS INDONESIA WOULD BE ASFORTHCOMING AS THAT OF LABOR, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF VISIT; B) TIMOR: PEACOCK DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT, AS HE HAD TOLD INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA HER TASNING HE WOULD NOT. MALIK ASSURED PEACOCK INDONESIA WOULD NOT USE FORCE TO ACQUIRE TIMOR, AND SUHARTO ALLUDED BRIEFLY TO QUESTION IN SIMILAR TERMS; C) INDOCHINA: THIS WAS MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION. MALIK SEEMED RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED OVER IMMINENT COMMUNIST TAKEOVER AND THOUGHT US WITHDRAWAL FROM SEA LIKELY AND PROBABLY DESIRABLE. SUHARTO TOOK QUITE DIFFERERENT STANCE, INDICATING HE VERY WORRIED OVER PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS, AND POSSIBLITY OF SUBVERSIVE THREAT FROM INDOCHINA, AND EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT US WOULD WITHDRAW FROM AREA. PEACOCK LATER TOLD AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFS HE WAS ALMOST TEMPTED TO TELL SUHRTO, "THAT IS NOT WHAT YOUR FONMIN JUST SAID." OTHER MILITARY PEACOCK MET SHARED SUHARTO'S ESTIMATE. SURONO AND OTHERS TOLD PEACOCK FALL OF INDOCHINA WOULD RQUIRE GREATER GOI ATTEOTION TO MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, WITH GREATEST EMPHASIS ON COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION TO HANDLE SUBVERSION. PEACOCK SUSPECTS INDONESIANS WERE LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR REQUEST FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE; D) AUSTRALIA-JAPAN-INDONESIA TRIANGLE: PEACOCK RAISED QUESTION OF TRIANGULAR RELTSHIPSHIP WITH MALIK (NOT VERY CLEAR IN WHAT TERMS) TO WHICH MALIK GAVE VAGUE NON-ANSWER; E) PAPUA NEW GUINEA: TWO SIDES HELD DESULTORY CONVERSATION WITHNO REAL RESULTS BEYOND PROMISE OF CONTINUING COOPERATION; F) NPT: PEACOCK RAISED NPT; MALIK SAID NOW WAS NOT TIME FOR INDONESIA TO RATIFY. AUSTRALIANS THINK RATIFICATION IS DEAD ISSUE IN INDONESIA.

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